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ANNIVERSARIES.

PRESBYTERIAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The Sixth Annual meeting of the Presbyterian Education Society was held on Thursday evening at the Brick Church in Beekman street. The chair was taken at half past seven o'clock by the Hon. De Witt Clinton, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society, and the exercises of the evening were commenced with prayer, by the Rev. Dr. Richards of Auburn Theological Seminary, after which the meeting was addressed by the chairman.

The annual report was read by Mr. S. E. Morse, and the following resolutions

were then read and adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Nott, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Henry, of Cranberry, N.J.

1. Resolved, That the report just read

be accepted and printed.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Peters, of Vermont, seconded by Professor Monteith,

of Hamilton College,

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2. Resolved, That the thanks of the Society be presented to the officers and managers of the Board and to the officers & members of the executive committees and auxiliary societies, for their exertions during the past year, and with the earnest request that these exertions may be renewed and extended.

On Motion of the Rev. Dr. Rice, of the Theologial Seminary in Prince Edward county, Virginia, seconded by the Rev.

Dr. Griffin, of Williams' College,

3. Resolved, That in view of the present encouraging position and prospects of the Society, the Board be requested to make special exertions for the increase of the Society's funds by such means as are suggested in the report, or others that they may deem expedient.

A collection was then taken up, amount-

ing to \$240, besides several gold rings.

The very able and classical address of the chairman, and the eloquent speeches which were delivered on this occasion, gave an unusual interest to the proceedings of the meeting.

JEWS' SOCIETY.

The fifth anniversary of the American Society for meliorating the condition of the Jews was celebrated in the City Hotel on Friday evening, the 14th inst. The exercises were opened with prayer.

The annual report was then read by the Rev. Dr. Rowan, the Agent of the Society.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Sandford, of Brooklyn, seconded by Mr. Primker, a converted Jew, it was

Resolved, That the report be adopted

and printed.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Rufus Bailey, of Pittsfield Mass. seconded by Alexander Jones, Esq. of Rhode Island, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society be given to the Auxiliary Societies, for the zeal and perseverance they have manifested in promoting the interests of the Society, and for the contributions they have made to its funds.

On motion of Hon. David Daggett, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Blatchford, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society-be given to the officers and directors for the services which they have gratuitously rendered during the past year.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Griffin, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Russell, of Virginia,

it was

Resolved, That the Society view with lively satisfaction the orginization of several new Societies in Europe and America during the past year, whose objects are similar to our own, and, that we feel encouraged by their co-operation to persevere in our plans for meliorating the condition of the Jews.

A collection was taken up; and the meeting was closed by an address from Mr. Zadig, a converted Jew, from Ger-

many.

UNITED DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The second anniversary of the Domestic Missionary Society was celebrated in the Brick church on Friday evening the 14th inst. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. D. Woodhull. Rev. Mr. Bruen, the acting corresponding Secretary, then read the annual report; after which, the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That the report, just read, be accepted and published under the direction of the Executive Committee; moved by Rev. Mr. Cuyler of Poughkeepsie, and seconded by the Rev. Mr. Knox.

Resolved, That the success which has attended this Society the past year, while it calls for the most fervent and devout gratitude to Almighty God, demands more vigorous and persevering efforts in behalf

of Domestic Missions; moved by the Rev. Dr. Rice of Virginia, and seconded by the Rev. Mr Cox.

A hymn in the Tuscarora language was sung by the natives of that tribe now in this city.

A collection was then taken up, amounting to \$130; after which the exercises were concluded with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Squier.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

PRESIDENT DAY'S SPEECH.

When I look at the efforts which are now making to send the word of life to the nations, and the families of the earth; my thoughts are carried back to a memorable prayer which was offered nearly two thousand years since. Our Lord, knowing that his hour was come, that he should depart out of this world, and ascend to his Father; gathered around him the chosen companions of his labours, to deliver them his dying benediction. When this was ended, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me. Sanctify them, through thy truth, thy word is truth." The object of this petition of Christ, was that his disciples might be made holy. The means by which they were to be made holy, was the word of truth. Nor were the disciples, then present, the only persons, for whom this blessing was asked. "Neither pray I for these alone," says Christ, "but for them also which shall believe through their word; that they all may be one."

The purpose for which this prayer was offered, will most assuredly be accomplished. From that day to this, the Scriptures of truth, have been producing their effect, in sanctifying the hearts and lives of men. And they will continue their influence, till one united song of praise shall ascend from the nations which dwell on the face of the

The truth of revelation, is thus efficacious, because it is the word of the living God. It is that truth, which omniscience has chosen to communicate, as the light of the world. He who formed the spirit of man within him, knows perfectly the means which are best adapted to control his affections, and carry conviction to his understanding. He can check the torrent of depravity, which all human efforts are insufficient to withstand. He has not only given us the truth—his own truth, with no

mixture of error; but has secured his triumph, by an inviolable promise, "For as the rain cometh down from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth; so shall my word be, saith the Lord, that goeth forth, out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void; but it shall accomplish that which I please."

And, Sir, it is God's own truth, the truth of his word, and that alone, which he ordinarily blesses, as the means by which holiness is attained. There are other truths, which are of high importance, in the business and intercourse of life. But they will not produce obedience to the divine commands. Literature may exalt the understanding. It may spread before us the luxuries of fancy. It may cast a brightness over the face of society. But it will never rescue the heart from the dominion of sin.

Science may greatly advance the useful, and the elegant arts. It may store the mind with the treasures of wisdom, which have been accumulating for ages. It may send our thoughts far abroad among the worlds, and systems of worlds, with which the heavens are filled.

"But never yet, did philosophic tube,
That brings the planets home, into the eye
Of observation, and discovers, else
Not visible, his family of worlds,
Discover Him, that rules them."

What philosophical code of ethics has ever been productive of practical godliness? If you would persuade a man, to enter upon a course of piety and virtue; you must come to him in the name of the God of heaven. You must deliver him a message from the throne of eternal justice. The rules of life which you propose to him must be clothed with the authority of the infinite law-giver. Your lessons of duty, must carry with them the sanctions of eternal retribution.

The happiness also which results from the practice of holiness, is to be ascribed to the influence of revealed truth. There may be a momentary gratification from sensual indulgence. There may be a buoyancy of spirits in the youthful glow of health. There may be a delirious joy in the triumphs of unhallowed ambition.—But there can be no substantial peace of mind which does not arise from obedience to the truth; the foundation on which rests the felicity of heaven.

Would you cheer the Christian who is languishing in poverty; open to him the volume, in which he can read his title to mansions in the heavens. Would you re-

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vive the spirit which affliction has overpowered; spread before it the pages which will cause it to glory in tribulation. Would you sustain the soul which is sinking in death; read the invitations, which direct it to look to the eternal God, as its refuge.

The same divine word, which pours light and joy into the heart of the humble believer; dispels the darkness, which has rested, for ages, on the nations of the earth. It was this which burst the gloom, in which, even the Christian world was sunk, before the Protestant reformation.— It is this which, from that day to the present, has been shedding a brighter and brighter light upon the people who have welcomed its beams. It is this which will triumph over every remaining superstition and error; which will break up the systems of idolatrous worship; which will fill the earth with the knowledge and the glory of God.

This is the true, the infallible, the only standard, of religious doctrine. Amidst the endless variety of opinions with which I am surrounded, how am I to fix upon a creed which I may know to be right? discoveries of science will not reveal the secret. The researches and acquirements of literature will never settle the question. The decisions of councils, of synods, of learned expositors, may only serve to confirm me in error. I can have no ground of safety, but in appealing to the simple word of God. What I there find I know to be everlasting truth. What is not to be found there has no claim to be admitted as a doctrine of religion. It may have a place among the dreams of philosophy. It may serve to give a polish to the weapons of theological combatants; but it does not belong to the armour of christian faith. If we know and obey what our final Judge has revealed, as the guide of our lives, we may safely be ignorant of the theories and speculations of men.

Should not the scriptures, however, be accompanied with notes and comments? So far as commentators enable us to understand what we read, we may be grateful for their aid. But we are not to look for improvements, on a revelation from heaven. The volume of immutable truth is not to be wrought into a more perfect form by metaphysical refinement. It will not be in a higher degree, the wisdom of God, and the power of God, to salvation, when translated into the technical language of modern theological systems. There is no sectarian alchymy, which can convert it into a purer, and more precious treasure. It does not yield to the rude hand, which

would tear the veil from its mysteries.—
The waters of life will not flow with a more healing efficacy, by being mingled with the turbid streams, which human ingenuity has put in motion.

In the sciences, and in the arts of life, we may look for discoveries. But the advances, which are yet to be made in the knowledge of God and his kingdom, must consist, in coming nearer and nearer to the revelation which he has made of himself. This is brought to us, indeed, in the language of men. Its brightness may be obscured, by the medium, through which it is communicated. But a more complete exhibition of religious truth, is not to be expected on the earth. To those who are admitted to learn the language of heaven, a more perfect revelation will undoubtedly be made. Mysteries which have been hid, for ages, will be unfolded to the enraptured view of the redeemed. But till the visions of futurity open upon us, we must rest satisfied with what is already revealed.

Is it necessary to distribute the scriptures? May not every one be left to pro-cure them for himself? The records of this society will abundantly show, what has been the consequence of leaving this supply to be furnished without combined and vigorous efforts. The man who is not already possessed of the scriptures, has formed no just estimate of their value. the absence of the sacred volume, he has lost all relish for its contents. If you would reclaim the profligate sensualist, you must not merely render it possible for him to purchase a bible: you must carry it, and place it in his hands. If you would rouse to reflection the thoughtless mariner, you must see that he has it with him as he rides upon the surges of the deep. If you would wish the rays of heavenly light to pierce the dark forests of the west; your labours of benevolence must remove the obstructions which prevent its admission. If you would convert the idolatrous Hindoo, you must read to him in the shade in which he reposes, the commands of the Most High God. What else can overthrow the systems of superstition, which have been gathering strength for ages, till they are almost as immoveably fixed as the foundations of the hills?

What we do, sir, for the distribution of the scriptures to the present generation, must be speedily done. They are rapidly passing beyond the reach of our efforts.—
If the infatuated votary of pleasure is not quickly reclaimed, by the influence of truth, he will go down to death; his steps will take hold on hell. If the Bible is not

soon in the hands of the wanderer on our western borders, he will never open his eyes upon its life-giving pages. If the light of revelation does not soon shine upon the nations of paganism, the shadows of death will overspread them. They and we shall have gone to the generation of our fathers.

GERMANY.

UNITED BRETHREN'S MISSIONS.

The last annual Circular of the Synodal Committee, appointed to conduct the Brethren's Missions, is dated from Berthelsdorf, Sept. 12, 1823; and furnishes the following particulars relative to their progress.

| Receipts of the year | 1822. | | |
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| and 8 Widowers | 596 | 14 | 1 |
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Thanks of the Synodal Committee for British Contributions.

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The Benefactions from England and Scotland have enabled the Committee to reduce the Debt on Missions to 1731l. 10s. It was 3753l. 7s. 11d. at the close of the

preceding year. In reference to this aid,

the Committee remark-"You will unite with us in thanks and praise to God for this extraordinary help, afforded us through the instrumentaliity of His children in other denominations, who so liberally contribute toward the support of His work among the Heathen, and rejoice with us in its prosperity. You will also join us in prayer to Him, that He would graciously continue to bestow on us these favours, and to raise up faithful and willing promoters of His cause on earth, both in and out of our Congregations; for, without such effectual assistance, we should be quite unable to proceed in our labours among the Heathen, as hitherto; and much less could we think of enlarging our present sphere of activity .--We return our warmest and most cordial acknowledgments to all those friends who participate in the spread of the Gospel by means of the Brethren's Church: and implore the Lord, from whom every good and perfect gift cometh, that He would Himself be their reward, and give them the desire of their hearts in the annual increase of the number of those who are delivered from the power of sin and Satan; and that He would cause the word of His Cross everywhere to be the power of God, quickening and transforming the hearts of those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. Among our benefactors, we particularly notice, with the greatest gratitude, the London Association in aid of our Missions, with its various Auxiliaries; the Edinburgh, Glasgow, and other Associations; and entreat the Lord abundantly to bless and reward them.

State and Prospects of the Missions.

About the beginning of this year (1823), 171 Brethren and Sisters were employed in the Mission; and there are now two Stations more than in 1821, with three additional Missionaries. There are, at present, on our list, 62 Missionaries who have retired from activity, and 66 children of Missionaries educated in our Schools in Europe and America, for whose maintenance we are bound to provide.

When we take a view of the course of our Missions in the year 1822, we acknowledge, with deep humility and thankfulness, that the Lord has again crowned all our labours with success in Greenland, Labrador, North and South America, the West-India Islands, and in South Africa.

Two most valuable missionaries have entered into the joy of their Lord, after long and faithful services—Br. Jacob

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Beck, at an age of 82 years, 53 of which he spent in the service of the Greenland mission; treading in the steps of his venerable father, one of the first missionaries in that country, and encouraging two of his children to enter on the same service-Br. Henry Marsveld, whom the Lord had endowed with peculiar gifts for the renewal of the mission at the Cape of Good Hope, in the year 1792: he was in the 77th year of his age, and, to the last period of his life, most active and faithful in his labours among the Hottentots. Tears of love and gratitude followed these two worthy servants of God to their resting-places, in Greenland and at the Cape. The distress occasioned by storms and floods at the Cape, and by a famine, which lasted two years, and caused inexpressible misery to the Hottentot population in and out of our settlements, has been relieved by most liberal contributions, both in England, Germany, and Holland, and by a good harvest last year; for which we unite with our dear missionaries in fervent thanks to our Heavenly Father. The accounts from all our settlements at the Cape afford us the liveliest satisfaction.

It is a remarkable and encouraging sign in these interesting times, that missionary efforts are more and more extensively made in many Protestant churches; and that, by the British and Foreign Bible Society, and similar societies in different countries, the circulation of the holy scriptures spreads in all quarters of the globe. As they are translated into all known languages, none need be left without an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the word of life. We have received the most substantial benefit in Labrador, Greenland, and other missions, from the generous assistance of the British and Foreign Bible Society; for which may God richly reward them!

Let us, dear brethren, continue to remember, in our prayers, the great work committed unto us; and entreat the Lord of the harvest, that he would also in future grant us the favour to be helpful in gathering in the reward for the travail of his soul, and prepare in our church yet more labourers whom he may send into his harvest.

Demand for the Bible at Adrianople.

Mr. Barker, an agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society, has visited Adrianople, and has sent to his employers a very pleasing account of his labours at that place and in its vicinity.

The Greek houses of Adrianople were

numbered about 12 years ago, when it was found that this city contained about 5000 houses; since which they have augmented, according to the general opinion, to about 6000: if, therefore, we allow seven souls to each house, which is even too little in this country, the Greek population will amount to 42,000 souls; a computation rather under than above the general estimation made The Greeks have an archbishop, here. Nicephorus-ten churches-one shoool for ancient Greek, containing aboutfifty scholars; and three for modern Greek, with nearly 200 scholars; besides which, there are several others for private tuition. Both modern Greek and Bulgarian are made use of for reading and writing by the Greeks of Adrianople; but, in the villages on the road to Philippopoli, they are best acquainted with Bulgarian.

The holy scriptures are extremely scarce here; and, among the lower class of christians, totally unknown. About three years ago, a few copies of the ancient and modern Greek Testaments, printed by the Bible Society, were sent to Adrianople from Enos, which were immediately bought up: since then, no more have appeared; although I have been told that several copies of the same book had, some time back, been brought to Enos from Smyrna: no

doubt they were sold there.

A friend accompanied me to the Armenian Bishop, in order to present to him the letter of recommendation which I had from the Armenian patriarch. I found him a most affable man; and ready to do any thing in his power, to aid me in the circulation of the holy scriptures among his flock. I presented him with copies of the different editions of the Armenian Testaments and Psalters, which he approved of very much. I then informed him, that, in a few days, I should receive a small case of those books for the Armenians of Adrianople. He observed, that, among the lower class of his nation, they preferred the Turkish Testament with Armenian characters. He seemed delighted at the idea that a certain number of Englishmen should unite their talents and money in the arduous and expensive work of multiplying copies of the holy scriptures in so many languages, and distributing them in the countries where those languages are most familiar. The Armenians at Adrianople are calculated to be at about 500 families: they have a bish-op, one church, one school of 100 scholars, besides several of a lesser note.

The Jews are reckoned to be from 10,000 to 12,000 souls. They have twelve syna. gogues, and one public school of about 500 scholars. They speak Spanish; but, in reading and writing, they make use both of the Hebrew and the Spanish with Rabbinical characters.

Adrianople is well calculated for the establishment of a depot of the holy scriptures. A good supply of Bibles and Testaments in Greek, Bulgarian, Armenian, Turkish with Armenian characters, Hebrew, and Spanish with Hebrew characters, would find a ready sale in a country where the holy scriptures are so very scarce. Adrianople has also the advantage of being near the two renowned fairs of Uzunziova and Selimnos: where a concourse of people, from all the provinces of European Turkey, crowd to purchase their yearly

stock of commodities

Ortakeu is a considerable Greek village, -situated at the foot of the mountains, anciently called Rodope, which divide the Eastern from the Western Thrace: this village contains 250 houses; and the Bishopric has ten other villages, inhabited by Greeks only. The second in ecclesiastic power at Ortakou was much disposed to favour the society's views: he heard with pleasure and wonder the transactions of the Bible associations; and desired me not to fail to send him the Greek scriptures, translated by Hilarion, as soon as they are put into circulation; and requested that the prices might be as low as possible, that the poor, who are the most numerous of the inhabitants of that bishopric, might be able to purchase them.

sold during the few days I remained at Adrianople, seventy volumes of the Armenian scriptures which were sent me from Constantinople: and had I had any copies of the Greek, or Turkish with Armenian characters, many would have been disposed of; but the depot at Constantinople was

exhausted when I quitted it.

At Demotica, I went to the bishop, to whom I had a letter of recommendation. I found him a sensible, well-disposed man; and never have I seen any one more pleased than he was, when I related to him the operations of the Bible society: he carried me to another apartment, where I found assembled the most respectable Greeks of the place; and there, in an eloquent speech, he related to them all that I had informed him of respecting the Bible society: he finished by saying, "It was left, my breth-ren, to the English, already renowned for cheir philanthropy and generosity, to con-ceive and execute the noblest of undertakings—that of rendering all nations happy, by giving them the word of God in their respective languages. Yes, my dear brethren, the English have paid Hilarion to translate the holy scriptures into modern Greek, and they are intended for us! They have embraced the holy scriptures themselves, and they are anxious that their fellow-christians should do the same." The bishop then took up the ancient and modern Greek New Testament printed by the society, and read to them two chapters from the Epistle to the Corinthians. I asked the bishop where he had got that book from: he told me he heard that the English had printed and distributed that work, and had sent to Adrianople to see if he could procure one to read: a friend of his had just sent him that copy, entreating him to return it as soon as possible, and he showed me that he had nearly perused the half. I opened the book, and was greatly astonished to find that it had been bought at Aleppo, in 1820, and had found its way to Adrianople. Happily I had a copy of that edition with me; and I presented it to the bishop, who was very thankful for it.

It was reported to me, whilst at Adrianople, that a respectable widow, whose husband was beheaded at the commencement of the Greek revolution, said, "I feel a real consolation in my present misfortunes, in the perusal of the New Testament."

NEW-HAVEN, MAY 29.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We are obliged, for want of room, to defer the insertion of a number of communications. Our next volume commences with the next number, and the enlargement of the paper will enable us to print such as we deem worthy of insertion.

GREEK YOUTH.

Five Greek lads, natives of Scio, have arrived in this country. They took refuge in Malta, during the distresses in their native island, where they attracted the attention of the Rev. Mr. Temple, by whom they have been commended to the American Board, under whose care they will be educated.

A second Presbyterian Church has been or ganized in Utica, which will be under the pastoral care of the Rev. S. W. Brace.

A gentleman in Boston has presented to the Collegiate Institution at Amherst, a bell of 800 pounds weight, which cost three hundred dollars. The name of the donor is pot mentioned.

The popularity of the Rev. Mr. Irving in London, appears to be undiminished. Ground has been purchased for the erection of a spacious, chapel.

SENECA MISSION.

The Pagan party among the Indians emboldened probably by whites, still more worthy of blame, have manifested great hostility toward the Mission Family. We are giad to learn from the Western Recorder that the General Government has extended its protection to this little band, A correspondent of the W. Recorder, writes,—

"In a late conversation with Capt. Parish, the U. S. agent for the Six Nations of Indians, he showed me a letter which he had just received from the U. S. Secretary of War, in which the latter speaks in language of high disapprobation of the unprovoked attack of Red Jacket and his coadjutors, on the Mission family at Seneca.—The letter directs the agent to inform Jacket, that the government would notice no more communications from him or his party, as containing the sentiments of the tribe, and that he would be held responsible by the government for any violence he might do to the persons or property of the Mission family, or those associated with them for christian instruction."

N. B. Red Jacket had threatened to burn down the mission house and effects, as soon as vacated by the family, to prevent which, young King moved in while they were leaving it.

SEAMEN.

In Sydney, New South Wales, a Bethel Union Society for the benefit of seamen, has been established. A Floating Chapel is to be procured in which any minister will be permitted to preach whose sentiments are not opposed to the doctrines contained in the Articles and Homilies of the Church of England.

WHITES VERSUS INDIANS.

Were any arguments necessary to prove the doctrine of total depravity, we might among other proofs, refer to the treatment which some of the Indian Tribes receive from the whites .- West of the Mississippi, white men make inroads into the Indian Territories, destroy their game, and steal their furs. If the natives, indignant at such outrages, make any resistance, we immediately find articles in newspapers, headed with "INDIAN BARBARITIES, MURDERS, &c. &c.!!" War with the savages is declared inevitable, great astonishment is expressed that the General Goverament does not interfere to punish them, and every attempt is made to put them under the ban of the Empire. In this way Indian wars have arisen, and injury after injury been inflicted upon the Aborigines.

In the South, the citizens of Georgia say they

mest and will have the lands of the tribes residency within their borders, and their Representatives in Congress are loud in their censures, because for sooth the Government will neither kill nor drive away the Indians.

Still nearer home, we see the workings of the same spirit.—The Legislature of the great State of New-York will permit a white man to reside among, and sell spirituous liquors to the Indians, but have refused permission to a schoolmaster who had been compelled by existing laws to leave them, to return and exercise his humble and useful calling. The motives which could actuate these men, are of course best known to themselves. We hope (if indeed we may thus hope against hope) that these motives do not spring from hatred to the Gospel, and from a desire that the Indians shall waste away under the influence of whiskey, and leave their lands to be crambled for by these dignified Legislators.

But let us not be supposed to despair of the safety and civilization of the Indians. We trust that the General Government will send an army neither to the Western nor Southern Indians, but continue to encourage the introduction among them of the arts of civilized life, and the blessings attendant on the christian religion. Let the Georgians look to themselves. With slaves in their midst, and Indians on their borders, and in opposition to the wishes of the General Government, and in defiance of every principle of humanity and justice, let them not dare to raise against the natives a hostile hand. The Greeks are not more worthy of compassion than the Indians would be in such a case, nor are the Greeks more valiant or successful than the Indians would be in such as emergency.

With respect to the conduct of the New-York Legislature, we will only observe, that much as christians should deprecate political controversy, here is a cause which should unite all who love the souls of men. Those who could refuse permission to a teacher to instruct and guide the Indian youth, but readily sent among them a dealer in liquors, are unfit for the station they hold, and by the united voice of freemen, whose confidence they have abused, should be denied any further offices in the gift of the people.

To the Editor of the Religious Intelligencer.

DEAR SIR,

I do not know that any other person experiences the same trials that I do with regard to certain transactions and events; out supposing it to be possible, and that a communication respecting such trials, and some of my supports under them, may be of use, I submit the following to your disposal. I am berdened with calls, and labours to

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support Bible Societies, missions to foreign countries, missions among our destitute population, Education Societies, Tract Societies, and the various publications, which are connected with these Societies. They take many dollars from me every year. They employ much of my time, and fill my mind with vexations and cares. Besides, there are several Societies whose aims and efforts I approve, for which I do nothing, unless it be to wish them well, and supplicate the aid of the Almighty Saviour. After all, I sometimes feel as though I should utterly sink under the weight, and abandon some of these objects, around which are entwined some of the tenderest affections of Christian love. Yet, how can I abandon them? May not others do it as well as I? And, if all abandon them, must they not fail? Must not the great work cease? Must not the perishing continue to perish? Will not the angel of destruction spread his wings still broader, and dig the pit still deeper and wider for the numberless wretches that now throng the broad and crowded way?

Meditating on these subjects this morning, as I was harassed with cares about them, the question occurred, "What if there were no such Society in being?"-Then I should not be troubled as I am. I thought again, I should see people without a Bible-What should I do then? Why, I would talk with them, and try to persuade them to buy a Bible. What if you were satisfied from many facts, that numbers in every part of the country were in the same condition? What would you do? I would visit them, and see what could be done .-But you could not visit them all. True; What then? I would talk to my christian friends about it, and endeavour to excite their sympathy and action. Would you not be glad, if many would unite, and form a Society for this purpose? With all my heart. But after all, money is wanting. Many are poor, and some are heedless, and will not, or cannot, procure books. Then I will give them one. But giving one does not answer the purpose; many are wanted-tens, hundreds, thousands, millions. Then I would endeavour to persuade others to help. But would not this be a Bible Society? Yes. Suppose you bought your Bibles at the booksellerscould you obtain them at the cheapest possible rates? No. Would you not then have your Society print Bibles? Certainly. But here is another object-there are many nations. How shall we learn their condition? By enquiry. But who will enquire? Can you go over all the world?

No. Must not this be done by the agents of Bible Societies? Truly. Are not these, in fact, the very things for which Bible Societies are now labouring? If so, the work is made ready to your hand. You need not form the machine, and set it in motion; you have only to give it an impulse as it passes by you.

pulse as it passes by you.

These, Mr. Editor, were some of my thoughts about a Bible Society. I find it in operation. It is just such a Society as I would wish to see in operation, if I had kindness enough for the destitute to do any thing more than to say, 'Depart in peace;' be ye supplied with Bibles—but—I have none to give you. In this view of the subject I have felt much reproved for my weariness in well-doing, and think I have great reason to be thankful, and to go forward in the work, as fast as possible. It is a good work. It is just what I should desire, if there were no such Society. How stupid should I be then, if I should not be willing to support it.

Similar have been my thoughts respecting the other charitable institutions of the day, and the publications connected with them. They originated in christian love and compassion. They are just what they would be, if the same love and compassion were now, for the first time, put in requisition to form them. They have been watered with the tears of many saints now in heaven, and commended to God by their labours and prayers. They have received unequivocal seals of the Saviour's approbation. Blessings have descended upon them, and now cluster thick around many thousands, saved by their means from ruin.

And blessings will follow them so long as they are supported in simplicity and godly sincerity. Henceforth therefore, I will endeavour to seek new supplies of grace for the work, and hail with thanksgiving every effort of my christian friends for their prosperity. When any new plan, formed on evangelical principles, shall be presented, I will not frown upon it, with disapprobation to discourage the heart of its kind supporter; but I will help it with my smiles and my prayers, if unable to do it with my influence and contributions.

CHEROKEE DELEGATION.

Such has been the progress of learning among the Cherokees, that the inhabitants of Georgia cannot even believe that they write the letters to which their signatures are annexed. The following letter is taken from the National Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON CITY.

Messrs. Gales & Seaton :

Gentlemen .- We have read in the Geor-

gia Journal of the 6th inst. a letter from the Georgia delegation in Congress to his Excellency Geo. M. Troup, the Governor of Georgia, and also some remarks of the editor of that paper. However great our surprise has heretofore been at the course of proceedings of this delegation, as set forth in their letter to the President of the United States, and which the Georgia delegation consider "respectful," but which, if it be, is different in its style and temper from what we are accustomed to observe in our intercourse with our chiefs: yet this surprise has been much heightened at a new attempt to deprive us of another portion of our blessings. Not satisfied with wishing the Executive of the United States violently to rupture the solemn bonds of our rights to our lands, and to put at defiance the pledges which existing treaties contain, guarantying to us our lands, it is attempted to take from us the intellect which has directed us in conducting the several negociations with commissioners appointed to treat with us for our lands, and with the Executive government, by the unfounded charge that "the last letter of the Cherokees to the Secretary of War contains internal evidence that it was never written or dictated by an Indian."-Whilst we profess to be complimented on the one hand, by this blow at our intelligence, we cannot, in justice, allow it to pass upon the other, without a flat contradiction. That letter, and every other letter, was not only written, but dictated by an Indian. We are not so fortunate as to have such help. The white man seldom comes forward in our defence.

Our rights are in our own keeping; and the proofs of our loneliness, and the prejudiced eye with which every thing is looked upon which relates to us, by such a vast majority of those who should be our guardians and friends, have put us upon our resources, and we do thank God sincerely, and our benevolent white brothers, for there are some Christian hearts which regard us, who, seeing our bereaved and helpless state, come in to our help, with letters and the lights of civilization and christianity. We felt the necessity of our case, and have endeavoured to improve it. Our letters are our own, and if they are thought too refined for "Savages," let the white man take it for proof, that, with proper assistance, Indians can think and write for themselves. We refer the Georgia Delegation, and the Editor of the Georgia Journal, to our correspondence with their

own Commissioners in our own country.-They can tell whether the head of a white man conceived, or his pen dictated, the negociations, on our part; or whether they were the lonely and unassisted efforts of the poor Indian-whose home, now that it begins to blossom, and the seed time and the harvest are greeted, and the chase abandoned, and churches are rising, and the Great Spirit is felt in his influence upon our hearts and our gratitude, and our little ones are learning to read his blessed word, and sing anthems in his praise for the gift of the Redeemer-yes, they can tell—whether they, from whom it is at-tempted to force all these blessings, and drive them into barbarity and savageism as cruel and as dark as ever-did, or did not conduct their own correspondence.-We say we did, and we love the truth.

It is not for us to vindicate, or attempt to vindicate our Great Father, the President of the United States; he does not need an Indian's aid, nor an Indian's eulogy; but, however we are bound to love him, yet, it is due to justice to state, that we have been often pained, and especially of late, at the earnestness with which he has pressed upon us the subject of ceding our lands .-Why he has acted thus, we are at a loss to conceive. We were not ignorant of the convention of 1802. We know every one of its promises. If, however, these are to be violated, and the fell war-whoop should ever be raised against us, to dispossess us of our lands, we will gratify the delegation of Georgia, in their present earnestness to see us removed or destroyed, by adding additional fertility to our land, by a deposit of our bodies and bones: for we are resolved never to leave them, but by parting with them and our lives together. How the Christians of America, and of the world, will view their attempt upon our rights; this effort to force a kind and just President to violate the faith of treaties, and dip his finger in our blood, it is not for us Indians to say; but our cause is with God, and good men, and there we are willing to leave it.

We mean nothing disrespectful to any one; but justice and truth require that we should say this much, on the occasion to which we have referred.

We are sirs, respectfully, your obedient servants,

JNO. Ross.
GEO. ROWLEY.
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ELIJAH HICKS.

From the Boston Palladium.

CONSTANTINOPLE.

Extract of a Letter from an American Gentleman, dated at Constantinople, 18th Dec. 1823.

"Constantinople, the capital of the Ottoman Empire, and its suburbs, contain at least a million of inhabitants of all nations and various religions. Its public edifices are probably more numerous than those of any other city in the world. For instance, it contains, besides the palaces of the Sultan and the grandees of the Empire, four-teen Imperial Mosques, i. e. vast and splendid temples for the worship of God, all of them richly endowed with ample revenues derived from the rents of real property long

ago devoted to their support.

For example, the revenue of the Grand Mosque of Saint Sophia, is more than a million of piastres per annum, equal to \$125,000; that of the Mosque of Sultan Selim is 200,000 plasters; that of Sultan Achinet 250,000; that of Sultan Bajazet 300,000; and none of the other Imperial mosques have less than 80,000, 100,000, or 120,000 piasters per annum. As it is a principle of the religion of those people, that piety to God should always be accompanied with good works towards man, those Mosques have attached to them; 1st, Colleges, called Medarses, devoted to teaching Theology, and Jurisprudence; 2nd, Imareths, or Hotels, where the students are nourished gratis. The Imareths of Constantinople feed every day more than 30,000 souls; and 3dly, Hospitals for the sick and insane, of which the most considerable are those attached to the Mosques of Sultan Solyman, Sultan Bajazet, and Sultan Selim. In addition to these praiseworthy proofs of Imperial liberality devoted to the public good, there are at Constantinople over 200 other mosques and about 2050 schools, built and endowed by the great men of the Ottoman Empire .-In these schools the children of the poor are instructed gratis, in reading, writing, grammar, and the principles of their religion, and a certain number are fed daily. In addition to this, many of the Mosques have attached to them Public Libraries. There exists at present at Constantinople 36. The most modern has been built by the reigning Emperor; it is a beautiful edifice of white marble, and stands opposite the Hippodrome. He has also in the palace of the Seraglio a choice collection, Oriental Manuscripts.

The Public Libraries already mentioned contain each from 2000 to 6000 volumes, all manuscripts of the most exquisite execution, bound in morocco, and each book enclosed in an etui, or case of the same; the whole contained in Cabinets fronted with glass or trellis work of gilt bronze. These Libraries are open to the public every day in the week, except Tuesdays and Fridays. Any body may go there and read, extract from or transcribe any book he chooses to call for.

Constantinople also contains more than 300 Baths, at many of which the poor are served gratis. Public Fountains, I know not how many, probably several thousands, some of them magnificent edifices, adorned with variegated marble and a profusion

of gilding.

If you add to this the barracks of the Janissaries, capable of accommodating 60,000 soldiers, some of them adorned with a luxury of architecture not only superfluous but misplaced—also the spacious and numerous Khans and Caravansarias for the accommodation of travellers—and the vast Bezestiens for the sale of merchandize from all parts of the world, and you will be satisfied that no city in the world contains so many edifices erected for the accommodation of the public as Constantinople.

REVIVALS OF RELIGION.

A revival of religion commenced at Robertville, Beaufort District, in October last; and on the 26th of that month a few were added to the Baptist church, which may be considered as the first fruits of this outpouring of the Holy Spirit. On two other Sabbaths, subsequently to this, as many as thirty-one, on each day, were baptized and admitted to the same church, under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Boyd. The whole number added to this church, from the commencement of the revival to the first of April, was one hundred and seventeen; and, as there were still some inquirers at this time, other additions may have been made.

The revival has not been confined to any particular class or age, but persons of every rank and age have become subjects of regenerating grace. Among others was a girl who was both deaf and dumb. She related her experience by signs, yet in such a clear manner as to give entire satisfaction to the members and spectators.—Backsliders were reclaimed; nine of whom were restored to the fellowship of the church. For a part of the time, meetings were held four days in the week; the congregations,

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which were generally large, would assemble at 10 o'clock in the morning and continue together until four o'clock.

Several additions have also been made to the Methodist church near Robertville.

South. Intel.

Extract of a letter from an Assistant Missionary at Mayhew, to a friend in this vicinity, of March 18.

"You will also rejoice when I tell you that at Mayhew some mercy drops have lately fallen. The week past has been such a one as has never before been witnessed here. Four of the hired people and several of the scholars, are rejoicing, as they hope, in God. May it not only increase and continue here, but spread over all this nation. But few instances of conversion have before this time occurred: and have not the Christian public thought too much about preparing the youth for usefulness among their people-or, at least, have they been sufficiently anxious for their conversion? This ought to be the great object. They are indeed a poor, ignorant, and wretched people; they do not discover what is for their own good, and are fickleminded-all hope concerning them is in The children here are indeed very interesting; you would love them much could you live with them. They are affectionate in their feelings; and although they require much attention, yet it is pleasant to labour even hard for their good.

"From the Cherokee nation, we hear that there are five or six very hopeful conversions recently, and more than twenty may be called inquirers. Old Indians, who have till now been entirely stupid, are found coming to evening meetings, from the distance of five or six miles, without regarding the weather. Ten have been received to the privileges of the church, all Cherokees except one. The local schools are all signally blessed. At Hightower, a good work has already begun, and two or three are hopeful subjects of renewing grace. These things encourage those who labour in this (the Choctaw nation) that God will still appear and build up Zion."

Extract of a letter to the editor of the Christian Gazette, dated Baltimore, May 5,

Christian Mirror.

DEAR STR;—I am happy to inform you, that the Lord is still carrying on his work in this city. Almost every week there are some new cases of awakening. Our anxious meetings are well attended and sol-

emn. For the most part convictions appear deep and pungent, and of longer duration than is common in some other places; where the Lord is pouring out his spirit, or than they were here at the commencement of the work. I do not know how to account for this, except it is that Christians feel a less lively interest in the work and pray less for it.

There is scarcely a week passes, that our ears are not saluted with the glad tidings, that some souls (who had been long bowed down under a sense of their guilt and danger) are rejoicing in hope of the glory of God, who believe that "their feet are taken out of the horrible pit and miry clay, and set upon a rock, and that they have a new song put in their mouths."

I have been speaking in reference to the work as it appears in the third Presbyterian church, where it commenced, and where I am best acquainted with its progress. But it is by no means confined to that particular church; for, on yesterday, there were twenty-four persons added to the Rev. Mr. Duncan's church, and about three months since there were twenty added to the same. I am informed by some of the members of that church, that there is at this time an unusual excitement both in the pastor and people, especially the female part of the society. Two students of theology, with the Rev. Mr. D. have laboured with considerable success at a place called the Point, in the eastern extremity of the city. I was informed by one of them that there have been about fifty who profess to have obtained hope that their sins are pardoned, since they commenced labouring there.

We have also a number of prayer meetings which are well attended by Christians of all denominations, in which they meet to pray for a general out-pouring of the spirit of God on all the churches. This meeting is held on Saturday evenings, and is now becoming more interesting every week, and we hope that it will be a blessing to this city. I should be glad to hear of such meetings being established in your city, and every other city, town and village in the United States.

There is at present a revival of religion in Bethel congregation, Augusta county, Virginia, under the care of Mr. T. M'Farland. Fifty-nine persons have been received into church communion since last June, and there is a growing seriousness generally through the congregation. This is the result of Bible classes, lectures, and faithful pastoral visits, as well as pulpit labours.—Carlisle Miscellany.

Extract of a letter from the Rev. — to a friend in Baltimore, dated Chambers-

Just after the sermon at roon, thirty-seven came out, and the multitude were awed into stillness, which was interrupted by the shedding of tears.

A letter has been received by one of the editors from Elder R. Streeter, the missionary of the Baptist convention of the state of New-York and its vicinity, in Vienna and the neighbouring towns; in which he states that the work of the Lord appears to prosper in Vienna. Christians are much engaged in the cause of Christ, and earnestly pray for the salvatian of sinners. He further states that about fifty in Orwell have recently been brought to hope that they have been redeemed by the precious blood of Christ. In the same letter he mentions the mournful fact, that in last December, Mr. Philips, of Rotterdam, took his hand sled and crossed a bay of the Oneida lake, to a place about three miles distant to obtain some corn for his family, who were poor and in want of it. He obtained his corn, and as he was about to depart observed, that he had fears of the tenderness of the ice; yet the wants of his family required haste. But, alas! his poor family saw him no more. His body was found on the 14th ult. spating on the surface of the lake. Our missionary further states that he preached at his funeral to a most attentive and listening assembly from Eccl. viii. 8. " There is no man that hath power over the spirit, to retain spirit. Neither hath he power in the day of death."-However much our lives may to us appear to be needed, and however desirable they may be to others, we have no assurance that they will be continued to us.

Utica Register.

Awful Casualty.—Mr. Justus Warren, of Phillipstown, N. Y. was killed on the 30th ult. in a most shocking manner. While in a state of intoxication, he started from Cold Spring Landing in a waggon, in company with two other men, determined, as he said, to drive by every thing he saw. He started from the landing with great speed, but bad not proceeded far before those that were with him, perceiving some danger, cautioned him against driving so unreasonably; to which he replied, "I can steer them through hell!" This had scarcely escaped his lips, before one of the wheels of his waggon, while descending a hill, came in contact with a stone with such force as to throw him from the waggon, on a sharp stone, which entered his head and instantly deprived him of life. One of the others had his shoulder dislocated, and received some other wounds, though not incurable, the other escaped wholly unburt. What an aspect this must have presented to the relatives of the former who died an instantaneous death? How it must have harrowed their feelings when contemplating on that unguarded expression which he uttered the moment before he entered that "bourne from whence no traveller returns." This instance of the result of intemperance, is a solemn warning to all intemperate per-sons. The man has left a wife and family to mourn their dreadful bereavement.

Unfortunate Occurrence.-We learn from Frankfort that on Monday week ago, John M. Foster, Esq. Register of the land office in this state, in a paroxysm of madness occasioned by intoxication sallied into the street about 8 o'clock in the morning with a loaded rifle in his hand. He knoced at the door of a coloured female, which was opened by a visitor whose attendance was required by the delicate situation of the female. On perceiving Mr. Foster with a gun in his hand, the door was immediately shut. He then stepped back a short distance and discharged the contents of the rifle through the door, which struck the unfortunate female, and inflicted a wound of which she died the next day. This painful and melancholy occurrence was brought about by the excessive use of ardent spirits to which Mr. Foster became addicted for a year or so past.

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